

**South Branch Community Meeting**  
**March 27, 2002 @ 5:00 p.m.**  
**South Branch Community Center**

1. Legislator Sarah Skubitz called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Those present: Gary Besaw, Lisa Waukau and Sylvia Wilber were absent due to a meeting out of town. Also present: Wendy Warrington, Michael Richter, Edith Peters, Tony Warrington, Lloyd Pecore, Shirley Peters, Serenna Waupoose, August Corn, Hilary Warrington and Julia Corn.

Mike Richter from the Forestry Department began with his presentation. The Aspen trees are the main ones being clear-cut. This species needs to be cut to regenerate itself otherwise it fades out. The Aspen matures at age 55-65 years. At the rate the trees are being cut it will take 10-15 years before they are done cutting all the Aspen. After that about 10,000 acres will be managed for this species.

There was concern about cutting too close to streams/lakes. Mr. Richter stated that they have to stay up to 100 feet away from any navigable water. Although there are sometimes mistakes.

The average size of clearcuts are 40 acres and no two clear cuts can be together for at least five years.

Spraying is done during the late summer months or early fall, usually August-September. The pesticides used are not harmful to humans.

Wendy Warrington from the Housing Department went over the programs that the Housing Department has. Discussion on the deductions used to calculate rent and the maximum rent allowed for each program.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Legislative Staff Services